30 September 2016

Dear Students

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE 2016 ACADEMIC YEAR: MBCHB**

It has been almost two weeks since teaching was suspended due to the national student protests. I appreciate that this has been a highly stressful period for you.

You are critically important to us. I assure you that we are committed to engaging with you and working closely to resolving the specific issues you have raised, as well as working towards a more favourable studying environment.

As the Dean, I wish to share with you information for you to consider regarding completion of the academic year. It is important that you have clarity as you make further decisions.

We have consulted with all of the Faculty course coordinators on the impact that the continuing suspension of classes would have on concluding the 2016 academic programme. We have assessed in detail the minimum requirements for completing each year, as well as the processes and timelines that are needed to graduate health professionals and register them with the HPCSA.

The university has extended the academic year. In Health Sciences, each course has different timelines for completion. For final year medical students, and final year Health and Rehabilitation Sciences students, a return to classes by **Monday, 3 October**, and by **Monday 10 October** (respectively) are the latest possible return to class dates that will allow students to complete blocks, write all examinations, be registered with the HPCSA and begin practicing as qualified audiologists, doctors, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, and speech language therapists in 2017.

Please find attached the information on the proposed programmes should classes resume on the 3 October 2016.

Please note: students who have made international travel arrangements that cannot be changed, or who have study visas that will expire, must contact Mr Jason Stoffberg, who will assist with making arrangements (email: [Jason.Stoffberg@uct.ac.za](mailto:Jason.Stoffberg@uct.ac.za)).

Yours sincerely

**PROFESSOR BONGANI MAYOSI**

**DEAN**

1. **FIRST YEAR**

The timetable below reflects a two-week shift in the original academic year plan for first year MBChB. Week 9 will commence on 03 October 2016 (previously 19 September 2016). The last day of lectures will be Monday, 31 October 2016. Consolidation will be from Tuesday, 01 November 2016 to Friday, 04 November 2016. Examinations will begin on Monday, 07 November 2016 and will end on Wednesday, 16 November 2016.

**Examinations**

The proposed new examination timetable for Year 1 of MBChB is in the table below. The dates have been agreed upon by the convenors of the various courses (languages, BHP, HUB and QL).

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| **EXAMINATION** | **DATE** |
| PPH1002S: Becoming a Health Professional | Monday, 07 November 2016 |
| Languages: Xhosa | Wednesday, 09 November 2016 |
| HUB1007S SAQ (written paper) | Thursday, 10 November 2016 |
| Computer-based Examination (IPA and QL) | Monday, 14 November 2016 |
| HUB1007S Practical Examination | Tuesday, 15 November 2016 |
| Languages: Afrikaans | Wednesday, 16 November 2016 |
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| External Examiners Visit | Tuesday, 06 December 2016 |
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| First Year MBChB Examination Board | Friday, 09 December 2016 |

1. **INTERVENTION PROGRAMME (IP)**

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|  | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** |
| **09h00-10h00** | Workshop | 8.30-11.30  Physics |  | 9.00-10.15  BHS lecture | QL |
| **10h00-11h00** | Workshop | Physics |  | 10.15-11.30  Psychosocial | QL |
| **11h00-11h30** | Workshop | Physics |  | lecture | QL |
| **12h00-13h00** | Chem | Chem | Chem | Chem | Chem |
| **13h00-14h00** | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch |
| **14h00-17h00** | Chem Prac | Psychosocial tut  Rm2.10 | Acad Lit  Rm2.10 | BHS prac  Venue tba | Immunology |

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| **WK** | **MON**  **9-11.30AM**  **Workshop** | **TUES**  **2-5PM**  **PSYCH/PH tut** | **WED**  **2-5PM** | **THURS**  **BHS Lecture**  **9-10.30** | **THURS**  **Psych/PH Lecture**  **10.30-11.30** | **THURS**  **BHS Practical**  **2-5pm** | **FRI**  **9-11.30** | **FRI**  **2-4PM** |
| 10  03/10-07/10 | **Workshop 7**  CR1 - Growth and Development  DS | Test preparation – modelling cognitive and meta cognitive skills. From note taking to test.  LdP | AcadLit  NM | GIT anatomy  KvdB | Diarrhoea as an example of a disease that has a high infant mortality rate  LdP | GIT anatomy  KvdB | QL  SR-R | Immunology  JJ |
| 11  10/10-14/10 | **Workshop 8**  CR2- Explaining signs and symptoms  DS | Presentations  LdP | AcadLit  NM | Introduction to GIT physiology  LD | Introduction to Health promotion  LdP | GIT histology lecture and prac  RB/MP | QL  SR-R | Immunology  JJ |
| 12  17/10-21/10 | **Workshop 9**  SWOT analysis- Where are we now with academic skills  LdP | Consolidation of all knowledge – revisiting individual and population well- being. Transferring all PH skills to new case (burns) LdP | AcadLit  NM | SDL | PSYCH/PHRevision for test  LdP | Revision for test  Exam Technique  GG | QL  SR-R | Immunology  JJ |
| 13  24/10-28/10 | **Workshop 10**  GIT Case study  DS |  |  | **CONSOLIDATION** | **WEEK** |  |  |  |
| 14  31/10-04/11  Lectures end |  | FINAL |  | **TEST** | **WEEK** | FOR | BHS/PH/QL |  |
| Teaching activities will be followed by a period of consolidation followed by final assessments. Details will be provided by the course convener. | | | | | | | | |

1. **SECOND YEAR**

**IHS**: Please refer to Annexure A.

**PPH2000W:** Please refer to the table below.

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| **Family Medicine Activity** | **Dates** |
| Needlestick Injury | Tues, 04 – Fri, 07 Oct 2016 |
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| Rational Prescribing | Tues, 18 – Fri, 21 Oct 2016 |
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| Diarrhoea Oral Presentations | Tues, 25 – Fri, 28 Oct 2016 |
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| Batho Pele, Human Rights, Ethics | Tues, 01 – Fri, 04 Nov 2016 |
|  |  |
| Course Evaluation & Revision | Tues, 08 – Fri, 11 Nov 2016 |
|  |  |
| Assessments:  OSCEs  SAQ & MCQ | Thur, 17 & Fri, 18 Nov 2016  Mon, 21 Nov 2016 |

**Afrikaans Communication for Health Sciences 2016**

Dr Joel Claassen (Stand-In Convenor; X5380)

**Xhosa Communication for Health Sciences 2016**

Dr Tessa Dowling (Stand-In Convenor; X2036)

**Resumption of Classes and Completion of Work:**

**Current Thematic Content Nearing Completion:** HIV/Aids; Abdomen

**Outstanding Thematic Content:** Abdomen; Jaundice and Anaemia

All content will be completed if classes resume on Monday, 03 October 2016.

At least four contact sessions are needed to complete the curriculum.

**Assessments: SLL2002H**

**Postponed assessment:** 03, 04 OCTOBER 2016

Cancelled and assimilated into the November OSCE 2016 (as per Family Medicine and Clinical Skills).

**Assessment:** 17, 18 November 2016 (assessment date: unchanged)

1. **THIRD YEAR**

**IHS**: please refer to Annexure B.

**PPH3000H:** Please refer to the table below.

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| **Family Medicine Activity** | **Dates** |
| Values Clarification  TOP | Mon, 03 – Thur, 06 Oct 2016 |
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| Health screening/Environ history taking | Mon, 10 – Thur, 13 Oct 2016 |
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| Course Evaluation & Revision | Mon, 17 – Thur, 20 Oct 2016 |
|  |  |
| Assessments:  OSCEs  SAQ & MCQ | Thur, 24 & Fri, 25 Nov 2016  Wed, 23 Nov 2016 |

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**SLL3002H:**

**Completed -** 03, 04 September 2016

**New assessment date:** 28 November (to be confirmed)

1. **FOURTH YEAR**

All activities will resume where they left off on Monday, 19 September. This means that on Monday, 03 October, students in fourth year MBChB will commence with the second week of the last block.

Further queries will be addressed on Monday, 3 October.

1. **FIFTH YEAR**

All activities will resume where they left off on Monday, 19 September. This means that on Monday, 03 October 2016, students in fifth year MBChB will commence with the second week of the last block.

Further queries will be addressed on Monday, 03 October.

1. **SIXTH YEAR**

All activities will resume where they left off on Monday, 19 September

Qualifying students will register with the HPCSA between Tuesday and Wednesday, i.e. 13-14 December 2016. This process has been shortened by one day.

1. **ARRANGEMENTS FOR GRADUATION**

The final year Faculty Examination Committee will take place on Friday, 09 December 2016. The announcement of results will take place at the results bash on the same day at 17h00.

There will be no graduation ceremonies this year and qualifying students will graduate in absentia. The oath taking ceremony and prize giving will take place on Thursday, 15 December 2016. Details will be communicated to students in due course. Letters confirming that students have met the requirements of the degree and HPCSA registration certificates will be handed to students at this event. Final year prizes will also be awarded at this event.